

## House Resolution No. 4414

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize the Sickie Cell Scholarship Fund, which is administered by Sickie Cell Disease Community Advocates, Inc. and which will host the "I Shall Wear a Crown" Hat Show Luncheon on August 11, 2007; and

**Whereas**, Sickie Cell Disease is an inherited disease in which the red blood cells take on a sickle shape in the blood vessels causing problems in flow of oxygen to vital body organs, and the disease can often cause strokes, extreme pain, fatigue, splenic, and renal malfunction; and

**Whereas**, the late Senator J. B. "Jet" Banks recognized the great need in the community to assist families who had children with Sickie Cell Disease, and through his legislative career of thirty-two years, he and his devoted wife, Anita, a professional registered nurse, rendered countless hours of volunteer services for sickle cell causes; and

**Whereas**, as a tribute to Senator and Anita Banks, the original Sickie Cell Disease Association of Metropolitan St. Louis organized the Senator J. B. "Jet" Banks Scholarship and Tutoring Fund for students with Sickie Cell Disease, and while the Association has since closed, Sickie Cell Disease Community Advocates, Inc., have adopted the scholarship program; and

**Whereas**, on August 11, 2007, Sickie Cell Disease Community Advocates, Inc. will host the "I Shall Wear a Crown" Hat Show Luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club, with all proceeds going to the Senator J. B. "Jet" Banks Scholarship programs:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our wishes to Sickie Cell Disease Community Advocates, Inc. for every success with the August 11 luncheon and our gratitude for their invaluable work in fighting this dread disease; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Sickie Cell Disease Community Advocates, Inc.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Connie L. Johnson  
District No. 61

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4414, adopted August 9, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker